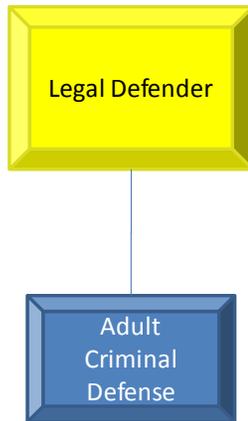


MISSION STATEMENT

Legal Defender: To ensure public confidence in the Yuma County criminal justice system by zealously protecting the rights of our clients as guaranteed in the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Arizona, regardless of race, creed, national origin or socio-economic status by producing the most respected and well-trained attorneys in the criminal defense community.

ORGANIZATION



The department is managed by the Legal Defender. The Legal Defender is appointed by the County Administrator.

MAJOR FUNCTIONS

Adult Criminal Defense represents defendants who are charged with crimes and who cannot afford a lawyer. Clients are also represented for matters involving their possible mental commitment.

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PERFORMANCE REPORTING

Performance Measure Actuals & Benchmark - Legal Defender

The following measures are departmental priorities identified in the County-wide Strategic Plan:

Department Goal: Measure:	Target/Benchmark				
	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
That residents be familiar with the services provided by their County government. % of residents who are familiar with the services offered by Legal Defender.	32%	33%	33%	34%	34%
To provide comprehensive legal representation.					
# of felony cases referred to Conflict Administrator.	150	150	150	150	150
# of violation of probation cases referred to Conflict Administrator.	40	40	40	40	40

STRATEGIC GOALS

Criminal Defense

County Resources

Goal: To provide comprehensive legal representation.

Objective: To maintain the number of violation of probation cases sent to the Conflict Administrator because of caseload limits at 40 by FY2018.

Indicator: Number of violation of probation cases referred to Conflict Administrator.

Current Status: 40

Strategy: To ensure Attorneys provide adequate, competent and effective representation to the greatest number of clients possible.

Criminal Defense

Public Awareness, Trust & Participation

Goal: That residents be familiar with the services provided by their County government.

Objective: To increase the public's awareness of the services offered by the Legal Defender to 34% by FY2017.

Indicator: Percentage of residents who are familiar with the services offered by Legal Defender.

Current Status: 32%

Strategy: 1) Utilize Channel 77 and media releases as a communication medium with the public 2) Visit local area high schools to speak about indigent defense 3) Updating and modernizing our Facebook page, speaking to local civic organizations about our mission 4) Preparing and disseminating a brochure regarding the various sources of legal assistance available to the public.

County Resources

Goal: To provide comprehensive legal representation.

Objective: Annually, to maintain the number of felony cases sent to the Conflict Administrator because of caseload limits at 150.

Indicator: Number of felony cases referred to Conflict Administrator

Current Status: 200

Strategy: To ensure Attorney's have adequate, competent and effective representation to the greatest number of clients possible.

PERFORMANCE REPORTING (CONT)

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Significantly reduced the number of felony and violation of probation cases overflowed to the Conflict Administrator.

QUICK FACT: LEGAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Under supervision of staff attorneys, interns are immersed in the daily operations of the Legal Defender's office. Interns participate fully in all aspects of criminal defense except for courtroom representation of the defendant. Interns are fully involved in interviewing clients and witnesses, investigation of criminal cases, case staffing, legal research, motion practice and assisting Legal Defender attorneys in court proceedings.



INITIATIVES NEW FOR 2014

This is a continuation budget this fiscal year. There are no major new initiatives, programs or additional resources.

INITIATIVES PRIOR YEAR STATUS

Legal Defender:

- Begin bringing the Attorney / Support staff ratio into parity with the County Attorney office.

Status: Ongoing

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STAFFING LEVELS

Authorized Positions by Major Function

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Legal Defender:				
Defender	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Staff Attorneys	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Capital Defense Attorneys	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Support	5.00	5.00	4.537	4.537
Mitigation	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total	13.00	13.00	12.537	12.537

Authorized Positions by Classification

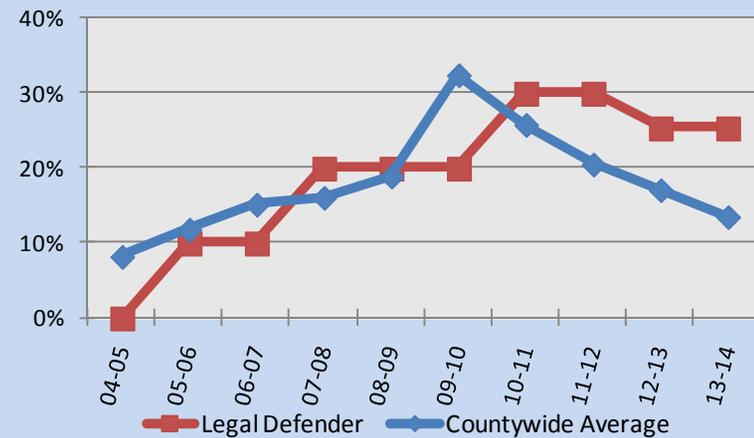
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Legal Defender:				
Legal Defender	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Capital Attorney	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Attorney Supv./Sr. Trial Attorney	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Attorney I & III	4.00	4.00	3.537	3.537
Mitigation Assistant	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Administrative Legal Assistant	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Legal Secretary III	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Total Legal Defender	13.00	13.00	12.537	12.537

Authorized Positions by Funding Source

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
General fund	13.00	13.00	12.537	12.537
Special revenue fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	13.00	13.00	12.537	12.537

There are no staffing changes for FY13/14.

Legal Defender Growth in Positions Compared to FY04 Base Yr. - All Funds



The Legal Defender's staffing level has increased 25.4% since fiscal year 2003-04. This is above the Countywide Average of 13.5%. In fiscal year 2003-04 Legal Defender had 10 positions.



FUNDING LEVELS

Revenue: General Fund support is at the level needed for General Fund expenditures. The increase in Special Revenue is due to a projected increase in State Grants in the Public Defender Training fund.

Personnel: There are no substantial changes this fiscal year.

Supplies and Services: There are no substantial changes this fiscal year.

Personnel: There are no substantial changes this fiscal year.

Capital Outlay: No Capital Outlay is budgeted this fiscal year.

Legal Defender	Actual 2010-11	Actual 2011-12	Budget 2012-13	Estimate 2012-13	Budget 2013-14	% Change
Sources						
General Revenue	\$ 1,178,740	\$ 1,157,400	\$ 1,193,188	\$ 1,171,800	\$ 1,200,837	0.64%
Special Revenue	3,449	3,021	3,500	3,500	3,850	10.00%
Balance Forward	(334)	1,338	-	-	-	N/A
Total Sources	\$ 1,181,855	\$ 1,161,759	\$ 1,196,688	\$ 1,175,300	\$ 1,204,687	0.67%
Uses						
Personnel	1,072,712	1,041,320	1,082,843	1,059,607	1,093,281	0.96%
Supplies & Services	109,721	120,072	113,845	114,733	111,406	-2.14%
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	960	-	N/A
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Reserves & Contingencies	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Total Uses	\$ 1,182,433	\$ 1,161,392	\$ 1,196,688	\$ 1,175,300	\$ 1,204,687	0.67%
Other Sources & Uses						
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Total Other Sources & Uses	\$ -	N/A				
Other Restricted	\$ (578)	\$ 367	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A

*Unbalanced amounts due to fund 02326 shared with other departments.



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